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WORST FLOOD IN HISTORY

So far as the Settlement of
Kansas Is Concerned.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Is Appalling---Topeka and Kan-
sas City Suffer the
Greatest Loss.

The floods of the past week in Kansas have been the worst by far ever witnessed since the settlement of the state. Along the Kansas river and tributary streams the country was deluged and thousands of people left homeless, some of course only temporarily. The loss of life may possibly go into the hundreds, while the financial loss can not be estimated. North Topeka with a population of 15,000 for several days has been the center of a vast river formed by Soldier creek, the Kansas river and the overflow on the bottom land between the two. It has been estimated that from 5,000 to 6,000 people were in North Topeka after escape, except by boat, was impossible. Families were camped on house tops awaiting rescue. The suffering of women and children, and of the sick was awful. On Monday a rescue train arrived in Topeka from St. Joseph, Mo., bringing two launches and sixty smaller boats. It will perhaps take a week yet to get anything like a correct list of the deaths by drowning in North Topeka. The estimated loss of property in Topeka is \$4,000,000.

Armourdale, a town of 16,000 inhabitants has been completely under water. It is feared that 300 people have been drowned there. The entire town of Kansas City, Kansas was almost completely cut off from the outside world, the only exception being that Leavenworth could be reached from one part of town by an electric line. On Monday evening 20,000 homeless and hungry people struggled over a supply of rations for about half that many which arrive from Leavenworth.

At the Union depot in Kansas City the first floor rooms were nearly filled with water.

Describing the sights of terror in Kansas City the Journal says:

"Perched on roofs of half-submerged houses in the West bottoms, hundreds of men, women and children are crying for help. Their agonizing screams can be heard on the Kansas side of the river, but the horrified spectators are powerless to assist them."

"White flags are flying from the roofs of many buildings in the bottoms. They are signals of distress, placed there by people who are cooped up like rats, without food or drink, and they are starving to death. All night Monday and during yesterday these people paced up and down on the roofs of houses, making frantic signals to those on land for assistance. Unless rescued immediately, but few will be left to tell the story."

"Many are so located that no boat could live in the rushing current of the maddened Kaw. Several attempts were made to reach these people, but the boatmen were forced to turn back. Hundreds of these people were rescued, but many cannot possibly be reached, and it looks as though they must be left to die a death most horrible."

At Hutchinson the town was a lake dotted with islands here and there. Main street was under water for the length of a mile. Hundreds were forced to move from their homes temporarily, and the damage to property was large, but no lives were lost. Seven people were drowned at Council

Grove and several buildings destroyed. A part of Lawrence was under water and there was great loss of property. Manhattan and Salina and nearly a town located on streams in the eastern half of the state experienced a flood long to be remembered.

The floods are now disappearing and the danger appears to be over, and in a week or two the great task of repairing the damage will be begun by the injured cities. At Kansas City besides the large blocks ruined it is estimated that there have been damaged or swept away one thousand buildings in Armourdale, five hundred buildings in Argentine, four hundred in the east bottoms, two hundred in Sheffield and one hundred in the west bottoms.

By the latest reports from Topeka it is now hoped the death list will be lower than has been feared for several days past. The list of those known to be dead had reached twenty-four yesterday morning.

IN SHORT GRASS LAND.

Work of taking measurements of the Arkansas river for evidence in the case against Colorado has been postponed until larger boats can be built.

A Kinsley boy who passed a very creditable examination last week for admission to the State Reform school was barred from the institution, merely because he had never had the measles.

After a careful examination the verdict is given that the recent hail storm in Kearney county did not even touch the nerve of the sugar beet farmers. It played the duce with the beets though.

In the absence of any other business the city council of Kinsley at its last meeting got out the corpse of the curfew ordinance, restored it to life, and now the town marshal is once more making a bluff which he knows will not go.

A team owned by Antoine Vetter ran away last week while hitched to a plow. Mr. Vetter had the lines around his body when the team frightened and was dragged to his death. A year ago the same team ran away with a brother of Antoine Vetter, and he was killed.

Ben Buck of Meade county escaped with his life week before last but his home was completely wrecked by a cyclone. After this experience he ought to be able to tell the truth. He says that the twister went into his cellar, picked up a gallon jug, pulled the cork out, and set the jug down right side up on the prairie some distance away, without spilling a drop. Those who know Mr. Buck well, believe the story this far. He goes further, however, and says that the contents of the jug was coal oil. Those who know Meade county cellars and jugs well are making excuses for Mr. Buck regarding his second statement.

MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA.

Former Dodge City Couple Married at San Francisco.

Mrs. C. A. Hulpieu of Horton, a daughter of Capt. Miner of this place is visiting in Palo Alto, Calif. The two children of Frank Miner who have been living with Mrs. Hulpieu were taken to California by her. The Palo Alto published at Palo Alto states, that among the party which arrived with Mrs. Hulpieu from Kansas was Miss Leshure from Arkansas City, who was married upon her arrival at San Francisco to Mr. R. A. Stevens an electrician at Palo Alto. All of the parties are known in Dodge City, having all lived here formerly.

MANY WERE PRESENT.

Cyclone Benefit Entertainment was Very Successful.

McCart's rink was well filled with people last night at the entertainment given for the benefit of the cyclone sufferers in Ford county. Something over \$100 was taken in for tickets and refreshments, and nearly all of this sum will be clear.

Beeson's orchestra, the band, and some of the local soloists assisted in giving a good concert program, and after the entertainment was over the young people enjoyed a dance.

JUBILEE POSTPONED.

Musical Jubilee at Hutchinson to be Held Later.

The Kansas State Musical Jubilee which was to have been held in Hutchinson this week has been postponed. The date at which it will be held will be announced later.

Send the news from your vicinity to the GLOBE-REPUBLICAN. Sign your name so that the paper may know that the news is from a reliable source. Whether you live in a far corner of the county or in town there will often be interesting items of news that you can furnish and which may be overlooked if you neglect them.

Hicks, the weather forecaster, will have to be credited with giving the correct date for the late cyclones.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

High School Graduating Exercises Held at Opera House.

A NEW GRADE IS ADDED.

Left Only Two Graduates For This Year--Class Address by Mr. Reeves.

The Dodge City high school commencement exercises were held on last Friday evening in Gluck's opera house.

The class had but two members this year, owing to the addition of a higher grade to the course of study but if these two pupils are fair samples of the Dodge City high school students the school can be compared favorably with any educational institution of the kind.

The stage was prettily decorated in the class colors of pink and white, the class motto: "Rowing Not Drifting" being displayed at the top of the stage front. The appearance made upon the stage by the young ladies made it at once evident to the audience that the parents, teachers, school board and dressmakers had done their duty well.

The program was opened with a selection by Beeson's orchestra, followed by an invocation by Elder S. S. McGill.

The young ladies high school quartet composed of Misses Maud Rhodes, Mae Sturm, Audrey Sturgeon and Mabel Boyd sang "Welcome, Pretty Primrose."

The oration of Miss Nita Mohler, while not of great length was exceedingly well delivered and abounded with good thought. Her subject was "Opportunities."

After another selection by the orchestra, Miss Clara Sturgeon the other member of the class delivered an oration, the subject of which was "The Progress of the Importance of the Individual." Miss Sturgeon's oration showed much careful study and like that of Miss Mohler was a very creditable effort.

The singing of "In the Chimney Corner" by Mrs. Harry Hubbard won the enthusiastic applause of the audience. This song and the earnest spontaneous applause which followed it showed that Dodge City has not only one of the best singers in the state, but that a Dodge City audience understands and fully appreciates such singing.

The address to the graduating class is usually planned as the main feature of a commencement, and a happy selection was made in the speaker here this year.

The address to the class was made by Mr. A. B. Reeves of this city. It was full of eloquence, good thought, and practical common sense. Mr. Reeves believes in the highest education and culture, but does not mince matters in denouncing shams. While proud of the educational facilities of this country he believes that educational methods and privileges will be greatly improved within a few years. In speaking to the class of young ladies he emphasized the fact that the home is more after all than intellectual achievements and advised the members of the class not to ignore the importance of making the home what it should be. "There is in this country you know," he said, "A good deal of noodle-headed cheaply veneered shabbily gilded would be aristocracy that affects to regard honest toil as degrading, and the good old fashioned duties which our mothers performed as beneath the dignity of cultured womanhood. The influence of such people is demoralizing. It is against the law however to exterminate these pests and parasites—I almost said it is unfortunately against the law—and their influence must be counteracted otherwise, as for instance, by eschewing the topics usually incident to a class address and discussing instead as I now do the homely topics of making good bread and keeping the buttons on."

At the close of his address, Mr. Reeves, at the request of the board of education presented the diplomas to the two graduates.

While the orchestra played the closing selection, the many presents sent the graduates by their friends were brought upon the stage by two little girls.

The evening was a very interesting and pleasurable one to all present, and the exercises as a whole were very creditable to the school and the town.

Every body has been watching for the past week for delayed freight. The railroads have done well under the circumstances.

Special Announcement

LADIES!!!

Watch this space next week. We will have good news for you. . . .

The Bargain Store, FITZGERALD & LOCKE, Dodge City, Kas.

ONE MORE GAME.

Dodge City Ball Team Still Has Clear Record of Victories.

The ball team from Pratt played here yesterday afternoon against the home team. The result was, of course, as usual. The visiting team made a fine showing at the start of the game and the score stood for a short time Pratt 3, Dodge City 0.

Then the home boys turned on the steam and let their merry-go-round make six revolutions. It turned out to be a big score game, the visitors getting a total of seven runs. Dodge City's score was 15 and the boys could have done better but were somewhat discouraged by a very poor attendance. The unsettled weather is partly responsible for this and it is to be hoped that future games will be better patronized.

AT DISTRICT COURT.

June Term of the Court Began Yesterday Morning.

The June term of the district court of Ford county began on Tuesday morning but on account of the absence of Judge Madison it was adjourned until yesterday morning. Most of the first day was taken up in securing a jury for the case of the State vs. Claud Bowman.

Bowman who is known here as Happy Jack is being tried on the charge of larceny.

There are four other criminal cases on the docket, the chief one being the case against Hugo Legner in whose possession considerable stolen property was found.

There are fifty-five civil cases on the docket.

BOTH ARE REELECTED

Board of Education Reelect Superintendent and High School Principal.

The board of education at its last meeting re-elected Mr. Smith as superintendent of schools and Mr. Held as principal of the High school for the coming year. The work of both has been highly satisfactory and the board is to be complimented upon continuing them in the schools. The grade teachers will be elected at the meeting to be held on next Tuesday evening.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Holds Its Annual Banquet at Harvey House.

The annual High school banquet was held Monday evening at the Harvey House. Mr. Held of the High school acted as toast master. On account of the bad weather a number of the Alumni were absent but the banquet is reported a successful and enjoyable one by those who attended.

William Martin, Miss Clara Sturgeon, Wilbur Clark, Carl Van Riper and Miss Fauny Sughrue were upon the program to respond to toasts. Mr. Martin and Mr. Clark were unable from some cause to be present.

The banquet was served in the Harvey house style and the menu was tempting.

Two new members received into the Alumni, Misses Nita Mohler and Clara Sturgeon who were the only graduates for 1903.

George Wells who has been working in the monument business for A. W. Smith at Hutchinson is here visiting home folks.

Paul Henkel has decided that his removal to La Junta is a certainty at some time in the future, but says he may be here until next fall.

Mrs. S. P. Reynolds and children are visiting her parents at Minneola. Mr. Reynolds will drive down next Sunday and the family will return with him.

The work of building sidewalks which was begun some time ago, will probably last all summer. At its meeting last night the council passed an ordinance which provides for the building of sidewalks over a large territory. With all of the work which has been planned completed Dodge City will begin to attract attention as a city with good sidewalks. Property owners all over the city are showing an unusual amount of interest this year in repairing, remodeling and painting their houses as well as improving their grounds. This is to be a year of improvement in Dodge City. Every improvement made not only adds to the value of the property but to all other property in town.

NICE FUND RAISED

And Distributed Among the Few Who Lost by the Cyclone.

Immediately following the recent cyclone some of the citizens of Dodge City began contributing to a fund to be distributed among those who lost their homes in the storm. The amount contributed was about \$900. The most of this has been apportioned among those who were the chief losers, and the rest will be given out where it will be of the most assistance.

The benefit entertainment last night brought in about \$100 for the purpose above mentioned. The sympathy felt for the sufferers by the people of Dodge City is strong and the donations made have been generous.

A. M. Victor of Spearville is in the city on business today.

The Dodge City fire company made a fine showing in the parade on Memorial day.

The cut-off survey is still marching on. Don't be surprised to see the graders pulling in most any time now.

The Civic Improvement League will have a very important business meeting, Saturday afternoon at the Christian church.

Lost—Somewhere around town, a Waterman's Ideal Fountain pen without cap; brown case. Finder please leave at Dr. Crumblin's office.

A Bucklin boy who attended the dance here last evening rivalled the worst home talent cigarette fiend that was at the rink, and Dodge City has some who are bad enough.

The contracts for the next six months' supplies for the Soldiers Home were to have been let today. Only one member of the board succeeded in getting here so that the letting of the contracts had to be postponed.

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